

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1. – 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical formulation comprising: ~~for topically administering a skin-lightening agent in which:~~

~~a) the skin-lightening agent is 4-cyclopentyl resorcinol which is in admixture with a carrier;~~

~~b) said carrier is comprised of~~

a. an effective amount of 4-cyclopentyl resorcinol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

b. about 15 % (vol/vol) of dimethyl isorbide;

~~b. c.~~ about 5% (vol/vol) of hexylene glycol;

~~c. d.~~ about 40% (vol/vol) of propylene glycol, and;

~~d. e.~~ about 40-35% (vol/vol) of ethanol.

10. (Previously Cancelled)

Claims 11. – 19. (Cancelled)

20. (New) The formulation according to claim 9 in which said 4-cyclopentyl resorcinol is present in the quantity about 1-2 w/v%.

21. (New) A topical pharmaceutical formulation consisting of:

a) an effective amount of 4-cyclopentyl resorcinol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

b) about 15 v/v% of dimethyl isorbide;

c) about 5% v/v% of hexylene glycol;

d) about 40 v/v% of propylene glycol, and;

e) about 40 v/v% of ethanol.

22. (New) The formulation according to claim 20 in which said 4-cyclopentyl resorcinol is present in the quantity about 1-2 w/v%.